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~~Alabama Baptist Historical Society~~ *Ala.*

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cahaba Valley Association,

HELD WITH

New Hope Baptist Church, Eden, Ala.,

September 5th, 1891.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

J. W. INZER.....Moderator.

N. A. HOOD.....Clerk.

I. R. W. LEWIS.....Treasurer.

The next session of this Association will be held with Cool Springs Church, three miles south of Caldwell Station, on A. G. S. R. R., and five miles west of Ashville, on T. R. A. & C. R. R., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.:
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LIST OF STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION.

S. J. Hare,	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
	H. C. McBrayer,	J. M. Lewis.
J. A. Gleen,	HOME MISSIONS.	
	Geo. W. Lovell,	W. R. Edwards.
P. S. Montgomery,	STATE MISSIONS.	
	W. P. Lovell,	J. M. Newton.
J. S. E. Robinson,	EDUCATION.	
	R. B. Devine,	R. M. Alverson.
R. B. Devine,	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.	
	J. C. Harris,	P. E. Wyatt.
N. A. Hood,	TEMPERANCE.	
	W. I. Brashin,	J. W. Lawley.
Paul Castleberry,	STATE OF RELIGION.	
	Levi Perry,	J. W. Ramsey.
Geo. W. Lovell,	DOCUMENTS.	
	Thos. Taylor,	A. R. Wyatt,

MINUTES.

EDEN, ALA., Sept. 5, 1891.

The messengers to compose the 24th annual session of the Cahaba Valley Association met this day with New Hope church, Eden, Ala., at 10 a. m. After reading the 116th Psalm, prayer was offered by Rev. G. D. Staton, of the Birmingham Association.

Letters from the churches were called for and read by D. I. Purser, Geo. W. Daughdrill and G. D. Staton. It was found that the following churches were represented by the following named brethren:

Ashville—P. S. Montgomery, J. S. E. Robinson, J. A. Glenn, J. W. Inzer, J. R. Neely.

Bethany—H. W. McBrayer.

Beulah—R. H. Jarrett, Job Falkner, J. W. Jarrett, T. H. Baxley.

Bethel—T. J. Taylor, J. W. Lawley, J. C. Harris.

Broken Arrow—Geo. W. Daughdrill, D. B. Moore.

Cool Springs—S. R. Vinyard, W. H. Haynie, W. O. Moore.

Cook Springs—F. M. Polk, Lafayette Cook, J. R. Rives.

Cedar Grove—W. E. Ekins, J. M. Hyde.

Cain Creek—Levi Perry, J. W. Perry, H. D. Hazlewood.

Eden—W. B. Williams.

Friendship (St. Clair)—J. M. Newton, J. B. Holmes, R. T. J. Neely, E. Paterson.

Friendship (Shelby)—Not represented.

Gum Springs—H. C. McBrayer, A. L. McBrayer, G. R. Putnam.

Grensport—J. D. Harris, J. E. Black.

Hopewell—N. A. Hood, S. J. Hare, W. A. Strain.

Hebron—Not represented.

Harmony—P. M. Abercrombie.

Mt. Pisgah—Paul Castleberry, C. J. Pike, W. Y. Smith.

Mt. Pleasant—B. F. Alverson, W. Y. Rich, R. W. Cook.

Mt. Castle—F. M. Higginbotham, J. D. Morrison, T. J. Anderson.

New Hope (St. Clair)—J. T. Saulter, C. D. Alverson, W. R. Dunlap, H.

B. Guy, J. W. Lewis, J. M. Garrett, I. R. W. Lewis.

New Hope (Jefferson)—W. H. Hall, Elisha Glass.

Newport—Not represented.

New Prospect (St. Clair)—P. E. Wyatt, Frank Harrison, F. M. Milons.

New Prospect (Jefferson)—Not represented.

New Lebanon—Not represented.

Providence—Not represented.

Pleasant Grove (Shelby)—W. I. Brashin, D. A. Whitfield, Jos. Parker.

Pine Forest—Jas. McCrary, H. N. Hess, S. B. Crow.

Pleasant Grove (St. Clair)—Joseph Yarbrough, Luther Bird.

Rock Springs—E. E. Chapman, S. M. White, L. A. Alison, J. M. Atkins, J. K. Alison.

Reeves' Grove—Jas. Lankford, J. C. Shirfield, W. R. Edwards.

Sulphur Springs—J. P. Sims, J. W. Allen, J. A. Garner.

Shiloh—J. T. Smith, W. M. Bradshaw.

Union Springs—W. P. Lovell, T. D. Courson, Thos. Hawkins.

At the request of J. A. Glenn, who had been appointed to preach the introductory sermon, it was preached by Dr. D. I. Purser, of the Birmingham Association.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Upon reassembling prayer was led by P. S. Montgomery, after which the regular order of business was taken up and the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the next associational year. J. W. Inzer was elected Moderator, N. A. Hood, Clerk, and I. R. W. Lewis, Treasurer.

Regular order of business was suspended and rules of order read.

Invitation to churches to become members of the body was responded to by Cane Creek and Mt. Carmel. The churches were received and their messengers took seats as members of the body.

Committee on Public Devotional Exercises appointed: The pastor and deacons of New Hope church, together with J. R. Neely and J. M. Newton from the body.

Official visitors present: D. I. Purser, financial secretary Howard College; S. W. Averett, president Judson Female Institute; W. B. Crumpton, corresponding secretary State Mission Board; C. W. Hare, Alabama Baptist, and also representing Board of Ministerial Education.

Correspondents: G. D. Staton, from the Birmingham Association; W. Willingham, T. R. Trotter, J. A. Collins and L. Law, Coosa River Association.

The following resolution was offered and lost:

Resolved, That any member of our body who is in good standing in his church, visiting any sister association is authorized to act as fraternal messenger from this body.

Report of Committee on Devotions to-night: Wm. McCain at this place; W. P. Lovell at school house near W. R. Dunlap's.

Sabbath-school mass-meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday, to be conducted by C. W. Hare. Missionary sermon at 11 a. m. by J. S. E. Robinson, preaching at 2 p. m. by W. B. Crumpton.

Correspondents appointed:

Coosa River—P. Castleberry, I. R. W. Lewis, H. C. McBrayer, J. S. E. Robinson, D. B. Moore.

Shelby—W. I. Brashin, Job Falkner.

Birmingham—J. A. Glenn, J. C. Harris, J. S. E. Robinson, W. R. Edwards, J. M. Newton, W. P. Lovell, Levi Perry, J. W. Lawley, J. M. Atkins, E. E. Chapman, S. M. White, P. S. Montgomery, J. W. Inzer, J. B. Holmes, J. K. Alison, W. B. Williams, N. A. Hood.

Etowah—J. A. Glenn, N. A. Hood, H. C. McBrayer, S. J. Hare.

Baptist State Convention—J. A. Glenn, Lafayette Cook, J. W. Inzer, N. A. Hood, J. S. E. Robinson, H. C. McBrayer.

The following committee on Nominations was appointed, to-wit: S. J. Hare, Geo. W. Daughdrill and C. D. Alverson.

Committee on Finance—P. E. Wyatt, Thomas Taylor and W. R. Dunlap.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Sunday.

Prayer by W. B. Crumpton.

SUNDAY.

9:30 A. M. Met according to previous appointment in Sabbath-school mass-meeting, prayer by P. S. Montgomery.

Report on Sabbath-schools was read by J. S. E. Robinson and was discussed by C. W. Hare, Dr. Averett, W. B. Crumpton. The hour of 11 a. m. having arrived the further discussion was postponed to Monday.

A recess was given and the seats of the church were moved into the grove and J. S. E. Robinson proceeded to preach the missionary sermon.

After the sermon a collection was made, amounting to \$25.00.

Dinner was served on the ground, after which Bro. W. B. Crumpton delivered an impressive sermon. Text, Matt. 28:20.

Report of committee on Devotions to-night: W. B. Crumpton, Coal City; J. S. E. Robinson, Croswell; Geo. W. Lovell, at this place (Eden).

The above named brethren filled the pulpits as per appointment.

MONDAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by D. I. Purser.

A further discussion of the report on Sabbath-schools was had, a motion to strike out the word "not" before the word "auxiliary."

The motion was lost, and the report was then adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools make the following report:

1. Wedefine: The Sunday-school is an organized body of disciples of Jesus Christ, assembled together for the purpose of teaching and studying the word of God. It is not an auxiliary to the church. It is not a nursery in which men and women, boys and girls are trained and prepared for church membership. But it is the purpose of every true Christian to teach the doctrine of the gospel of God, free grace and redeeming love, that men, women, boys and girls may learn and understand their lost and ruined condition in a state of sin, and by the blessing of God they might be brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and saved with an everlasting salvation.

2. We present a few facts. After examining the statistics of the Cahaba Valley Association with reference to the Sabbath-school work, we find that only thirteen of the churches, out of the thirty-four composing this body, have Sabbath-schools. These schools have in attendance from thirty-five to forty-five pupils, in all 227; pupils in the bounds of this Association, a body of Missionary Baptists numbering over two thousand members and

claiming to be in sympathy with the Sabbath-school interest. We would say that the interest as shown by the statistics indicate very little interest in the Sabbath-school work.

Brethren, do we believe in the Sabbath-school work? If so, let us arise from our lethargy and have a Sabbath-school in every church in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. E. ROBINSON.

Bro. Castleberry moved to reconsider the action of the Association appointing a committee on Nominations.

Motion lost.

Geo. W. Daughdrill read a report on Education, and it was discussed by brethren Crumpton and Purser. Presenting the interest of the Judson Female Institute and Howard College, Bro. Purser made a strong appeal to the ministers of the Association to attend the ministers' institute held annually at Howard College.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education submit the following report:

This is an age of progress. The greatest effort and the greatest energy are called into requisition in every department of life, each trying to outstrip the other. This being true, can we afford to be indifferent to the education of the rising generation? There has never been a period in the world's history when there were stronger reasons for the education of our children than there are now. Every interest is moving with such rapidity that a more thorough preparation is necessary in order to be the better prepared for the duties of life. While this is true on general principles, it is also true that there never was a time when greater reasons for denominational education existed. If this is true too, then denominational schools are a necessity. The Baptists of Alabama have two of these denominational schools, of which they may well feel proud.

The Judson Female Institute, with her illustrious history presided over by that prince of educators, Dr. S. W. Averett, offering every inducement possible to the education of our girls; the Howard at East Lake with a devoted faculty, presided over by Dr. Riley, is doing noble and faithful work for our boys, and neither of these schools are satisfied with mental culture alone, but wonderful success attends the culture of the heart as well as the mind, realizing as they do that mental and moral development should go hand in hand. But we can never be boys and girls again. Some are already in the great arena of life, and many good men are preaching God's truths from pulpit and rostrum at a great disadvantage. Dr. Purser and others saw the difficulty under which they labored and knew their needs. They knew that many had not had classic advantages but were not in condition to commence over again. Hence these brethren at much labor and expense established the ministers' institute at East Lake for those who have never had such advantages; and all our ministers have now the opportunity to equip themselves for their life work.

But some good brother may be ready to say, Are you going to educate men for the ministry? If you do you will make them proud and puffed up with vanity. But we think this is contrary to common sense and contrary to the word of God. A mere smattering of learning might have a tendency to cause some one to assume airs unbecoming a minister of the meek and lowly Jesus; but it is far different with a truly educated man. He who has spent years in hard study has seen enough of the boundless fields of knowledge, which are still untrodden before him, to make him humble and modest. He feels how meager are his attainments compared with the vast treasures of truth on which he has been barely permitted to gaze at a distance. He is ready to exclaim with Sir Isaac Newton: "I have only gathered a pebble from the shore, while the limitless ocean of truth is un-

fathomed before me!" The idea that learning renders men proud and self-conceited is not only contrary to reason and observation, as above stated, but contrary to the teaching of the Scriptures. Solomon says, "A fool is wiser in his own conceit than seven men who can render a reason." And Paul says, in speaking of the qualifications of a minister, "He must not be a novice lest he be puffed up." Some one else may say that educated ministers preach from their learning and not from the dictates of the Spirit; still we would inquire if it is not better to preach from knowledge than from ignorance? Ministers are not now inspired to utter revelations direct from heaven with which their intellects have nothing to do. The truths they utter must be learned from the word of God. The Holy Spirit never compasses any man by suggesting ideas which might have been attained by the exertion of their own minds.

No man can preach to the edification and profit of his hearers without previous preparation and study, and he owes it to the author of his intellect to exert it to the utmost extent of its capacity in the all important work of proclaiming his truth. Again some elderly ministers whose early advantages have been limited say, if the churches were supplied with an educated ministry they would have no use for such men as themselves. Such objections, however, are never heard from those venerable fathers, who have always exhibited the true Christian spirit; such a spirit as was manifested by John the Baptist, who, in speaking of our Savior, said: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

Such men rejoice to see the rising ministry free from the embarrassments under which they have suffered and enjoying the advantages of superior intellectual cultivation.

Now, brethren of the ministry, if you truly desire to be useful strive to gain a greater knowledge of your work. This may be done at small expense by attending the ministers' institute, where you will be faithfully and lovingly instructed in all things necessary to your success.

GEO. W. DAUGHDRILL.

Following is a list of cash and pledges made to Howard College :

Rev. S. J. Hare	\$ 50 00	J W Inzer.....	\$ 25 00
N A Hood \$10 00 cash.....	25 00	H C McBrayer.....	25 00
R B Devine.....	25 00	R W Cook.....	10 00
J T Inzer.....	10 00	Lafayette Cook.....	25 00
C D Alverson.....	25 00	Geo W Daughdrill.....	10 00
B F Alverson.....	5 00	Mrs Huldah Dunlap.....	5 00
J R Neely.....	5 00	F M Polk.....	5 00
J A Patterson.....	5 00	W P Lovell	5 00
W J Manning.....	5 00	J M Garrett.....	5 00
J M Newton (paid).....	5 00	Luther Bird.....	5 00
Dock Alison.....	5 00	Mrs M C Shurbet.....	5 00
B C Haslett.....	10 00	W P Cowan.....	5 00

The following pledges were made for Ministerial Education :

Ashville church.....	\$ 10 00	Broken Arrow.....	\$ 5 00
Cool Springs	5 00	Cook Springs.....	5 00
Cedar Grove.....	5 00	Friendship (St. Clair).....	2 50
Gum Springs.....	5 00	Mount Pisgah.....	5 00
New Hope (St. Clair).....	5 00	Sulphur Springs.....	2 50
Cane Creek.....	5 00		

The various reports on Missions were read :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

About sixteen years ago the State Mission Board was organized. During these years, in country, town and city, it has done what it could with the means intrusted to it, to build up the cause of the Master.

From one man in the first two years of its history, its work has increased

till it will employ fifty-four men the present Missionary year, for all or a part of their time.

Objections to the Board and its methods are giving way as the Baptists of the State are gaining information about it. In some sections of the State the Mission spirit is growing rapidly.

This growth should be seen in our bounds. We are sorry to say the amounts suggested to the churches by the Association for Missionary purposes have not been made. We fear some have not even tried to raise the amount. The Board belongs to the Baptists of the whole State, and we should aid in its support. We learn from the Secretary that the amounts due the Missionaries have not been paid. In stead of asking the Board to assist us in our bounds, we should be helping the Board to sustain the work in other sections of the State. We recommend to the Association that we try to raise \$200 00 for another year, as a State Mission fund, and that the plan of apportioning this to the churches be adhered to. It is the most practical method we have ever found. The State Board raised last year \$8,-795.16, and the Cahaba Valley Association gave \$150.56 of that amount.

As the Lord has prospered us in basket and in store, let us not withhold the means which he has given us, but let us bring our tithes and offerings into his store-house, and prove him now.

With the rapid progress of our great state comes a great responsibility upon us, which we must improve, or forever lose.

Respectfully submitted.

R. B. DEVINE, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS.

Of the three Missionary enterprises, to-wit: The Foreign, Home and State, none are more important, and perhaps, is doing no greater work, than the Home Mission Board.

The work of the Board comprises the Indians, colored people, and in fact, it is doing more or less Missionary work in all the Southern States, and last, and by no means the least, it is doing a grand and noble work in Cuba. The Home Mission work is one of the great enterprises of the Southern Baptist Convention, and its Board is under the control of said convention. The work of this Board is being enlarged and is expanding each year. During the last conventional year there were 406 workers employed; baptized during the year, 5,349; a gain of 872 over the previous year. The total additions to Mission churches were 9,987. Churches constituted 244, Sunday schools organized, 424; houses of worship built, 143, and the sum expended in their erection was \$60,473 00. In and through the Board our denomination is sending the gospel to a large per cent of the foreign population of the Southern States, and through its instrumentality wonderful results are being realized in Cuba, a priest-ridden nation, and it does seem that God has given that people to the Baptists of the South.

INDIANS.

The results of our labors among the Indians are gratifying indeed, and the work should be pushed until all this uncivilized people are evangelized. It would not be prudent to take the time and space to enlarge upon this work.

By reference to the minutes of the last Southern Baptist Convention, we find from the Treasurer's report that something over \$200,000.00 was collected and expended during the last conventional year.

The above figures are given to show something of the magnitude of the work done in the Home field. As a denomination we should be proud of the progress and success attained by us in the spread of the gospel, and in the disseminating of the doctrines and principles the Baptist denomination alone is the exponent. We are realizing greater results with less expenditures than any other denomination on the globe. Then we should take courage and foster our great Missionary enterprises and heartily co-operate with our already great and growing denomination, and stand by our noble

men and women, who are wearing out their lives in the spread of the gospel, and who are preaching it in the dark corners of our great America.

Respectfully submitted.

N. A. Hood, Chm'n Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

After a careful investigation of the work that has been done in foreign fields we are glad to state to this body that there has been a great ingathering of souls in foreign fields during the year 1891. We thank God for the work that has been accomplished, but there is yet a greater work to be accomplished, and O, that God would help us to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty; we need more consecration, in order that we may be more efficient in the work of the Master. Are we praying, brethren, for the work of God on our Mission fields? What the Mission cause needs is not so much more men or societies, but more prayers, more united trusting, persevering prayer. Prayer is the pivot upon which God's mighty enterprises swing. How the doors of Peter's prison swung back in answer to prayers of the church. Fifty years ago the locked doors of the foreign fields barred the advance of God's sacramental hosts, but God had put into the hands of his church that key of prayer which fitted every lock, and now the doors of almost every land under the sun stand wide open, with a welcome to the missionary and his message of eternal life. Prayer opened these doors; when the need of money has become great, prayer has opened hearts and hands until millions have found their way from the purses of Christians into the treasury of the Lord. We rejoice in the fact that our Missionaries on foreign fields have been permitted by the mercies of God to baptize into their churches as many as 1,109 happy believers, and to raise among their members \$21,700.00 for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, making an average of about \$1.50 per member; there was \$150,000 needed in our mission work last year, but only \$109,000 contributed. May the Lord help us, brethren, to be ready to sacrifice more for the Master's cause in future, than we have in the past. Why? Because God has made the greatest sacrifice in our salvation, in that he gave His Son to be made a propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. The heathen lands are so deeply imbued with the spirit of the Master that they outstrip us in contributing to the support and spread of the gospel. May their good works provoke us to greater efforts for the spread of the gospel in heathen lands. May the Lord help us to aspire to higher planes of piety in the Christian life, and may we have that degree of faith that will open our hearts and our purses; and may God speed the day when the blood stained banner of the Son of God shall wave over every dark corner and benighted nation of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. LOVELL, Chairman.

Reports of N. A. Hood, Missionary, and that of the Executive Committee were read by J. W. Inzer; after some discussion all were adopted :

To the Cahaba Valley Baptist Association, now in session:

The undersigned Executive Committee among other things having in charge State, Domestic and Foreign Missions, and Ministerial Education, respectfully submit this, their report, showing the amount of money received and paid out by them, during the associational year, on such amounts, and also the mission work done within your borders during such time.

That in the early part of October, 1890, your committee engaged the services of Rev. N. A. Hood, who promised and agreed that he would devote three months of his time during the year, and for which we agreed that your body would pay him three hundred dollars.

It was agreed that he should preach regularly as much as twice each month, at Ragland, Broken Arrow and Henryellen, and that he should travel and preach as often as he could during the balance of the time.

In the early part of the year, the church at Broken Arrow employed its own pastor, and Brother Hood was relieved from that charge. Brother Hood claims that he preached something over one-third of the time he contracted to preach under his contract, for which he asks to be paid, including the amount he has heretofore been paid, one hundred and fifteen dollars, and we recommend that he be allowed such sum for his work. His report is hereto attached, marked Exhibit A, and made a part of this report. We have cause to believe much good has and will result from his labors.

Your committee on or about the — day of November, 1890, requested our brother, John S. E. Robinson, to devote one Sunday and one-fourth of his time to the work. That he should have his regular Sabbath meeting at Leeds, and do all he could to organize a church there. Brother Robinson reports that he devoted of his time under such contract about — days; that his preaching at Leeds on Sabbath was done in the evening or at night. He asks to be allowed the sum of \$40.00 for his services, and we recommend that that amount be paid to him by this body. We have cause to believe Brother Robinson's work has and will do much good in that part of our bounds. We attach the report of Brother Robinson to this report and make it a part hereof.

Your committee have paid Brother Hood on the work of the present year \$36.12, and he reports to have secured on the field \$4 30, making in all the sum of \$40.42, leaving a balance now due him of \$74.58.

Nothing has been paid Brother Robinson on his work, the balance now due him being \$40.00.

Your committee have received and disbursed the following amounts of money, viz:

1890—Oct. 4.	To Cash received of I. R. W. Lewis, Treasurer of Association, per J. A. Glenn and Thos. Hodges.....	\$ 83 73
“ “ “	To cash received of Treasurer per J. A. Glenn and Thos. F. Hodges, being public collections taken up on Sunday, September 13, 1890.....	23 46
“ “ “	To cash received of Treasurer as above, Sunday collections for Home Missions.....	12 60
“ “ “	To cash received of Treasurer as above, Sunday collections for Foreign Missions.....	35
“ “ “	To cash received of Treasurer per J. A. Glenn and Thos. Hodges, for Rev. Mr. Eanards, on account of Ministerial Education.....	4 75
1891—Mar. 27.	To cash from New Hope church, per Rev. J. A. Glenn, for State Missions.....	4 80
“ “ “	To cash from Cook's Springs Church, per J. A. Glenn, for State Missions.....	50
1891—June 2.	To cash from New Hope church, per Rev J. A. Glenn, for State Missions.....	1 00
“ “ 27.	To cash from Gum Springs Church, per Joe Loney, for State Missions.....	3 00
Total amount.....		\$ 134 19

CREDIT.

1890 — Oct. 4.	By cash paid Rev. N. A. Hood for services in 1889 and 1890.....	\$ 30 00
“ “ 7.	By cash paid Rev. N. A. Hood for services rendered in 1889-90.....	30 00
“ “ 31.	By cash paid Rev. N. A. Hood for services rendered in 1889 90.....	6 91
1891 — March.	By cash paid Rev. N. A. Hood for services rendered in 1890 91.....	5 30
1891—Apr. 25.	By cash paid Rev. N. A. Hood for services rendered in 1890-91.....	26 82
1891—Aug. 5.	By cash paid Rev. N. A. Hood for services rendered in 1890 91.....	4 00

1889—October.	By money order sent Rev. W. B. Crumpton, on Marion postoffice.....	36 21
“ “	By amount paid for order.....	20
1890—Dec. 19.	By money order sent Rev. Mr. Eanard, on Springville postoffice.....	4 75
“ “ “	Amount paid for order.....	05
Total amount.....		\$ 134 24

Your committee, after a careful survey of the whole matter in reference to State Mission recommend that the control of the same within our bounds be tendered to the State Mission Board, of which Rev. W. B. Crumpton is Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, believing as we do, that the work can be more efficiently done under the management of that Board than it is now being done.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. INZER, Chairman.

“EXHIBIT A.”

ASHVILLE, ALA., Sept. 2, 1891.

To the Executive Committee of the Cahaba Valley Association:

As you will remember, I was employed by you soon after the meeting of the Association in September, 1890, to work three-fourths of my time as Missionary of said Association and was directed by you to have stated preaching services at Ragland and Henry Ellen, and to do such other work in the bounds of the Association as opportunity would admit.

For the want of a house in which to worship at Ragland after three months I thought it would be best to abandon the work there, and did so. I commenced a work at Henry Ellen in November, 1890, and continued there until June, 1891, and turned over the work at that place to R. B. Devine, but owing to some misunderstanding the work has been suspended. Owing to reasons above stated, together with the fact that I had one horse to die, and my saddle horse becoming unfit for use, I could not do the work I contracted to do. And again the low price of cotton led me to conclude that it would not be best to tax the Association with the amount of the entire work. I therefore submit to you the amount of work done, and ask you to fix compensation for the same.

Number of miles traveled.....	1 040
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Number of sermons preached.....	48
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Number of visits.....	63
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I distributed some tracts, and took some subscriptions for the Alabama Baptist. The Lord only knows the results of my labors.

And I now close this report without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. HOOD, Chairman.

To the Cahaba Valley Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—I beg leave to make the following report:

I agreed with your executive committee to keep up a monthly appointment at Leeds', at the junction of the G. P. and W. C. railroads, in Jefferson County. I began the work in November and kept up a standing appointment until July. Since that time I have been engaged in protracted meetings. I intended holding a meeting of days there before the convening of the Association, but could not do so. I proposed to organize a church there when I began the work, and had it not been for sickness in my family, I believe I would have succeeded. I did not on that account give the work the energy I desired. I believe there ought to be a Baptist Church at Leeds'.

Contributions received of Brother J. C. Harris, Sulphur Springs, for W. R. Edwards, Ministerial funds, \$2 50; from Rock Springs Church, for W. R. Edwards, \$3 10.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. E. ROBINSON.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. A collection was made for Brother Bradshaw, a blind Baptist, amounting to \$12.00.

A motion to limit speeches to five minutes. Carried.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the amount asked of this Association for the various enterprises, by the State Mission Board, be accepted, to-wit: \$400 00, and that a committee be appointed to apportion the same among the churches; J. A. Glenn, C. D. Alverson, C. J. Pike and Lafayette Cook.

Committee on Finance made report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To cash for Minutes	\$ 39 65
To cash for Home Missions.....	8 10
To cash for Foreign Missions.....	10 29
To cash for State Missions.....	82 56
To cash for Ministerial Education	1 65
To cash on Sunday for Missions.....	26 18
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Total cash received.....	\$ 168 43
To amount paid in during the year for Ministerial Education.....	17 60
Howard College.....	15 00
Missions.....	31 67
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Total.....	\$ 64 27
Grand total.....	\$ 232 70

P. S. Montgomery read a report on Religion and its Wants :

Your committee to whom was referred the State of Religion and its Wants, consider this one of the most important subjects to come before this Association. Upon the condition of our churches hangs our success or failure in all our work as a Christian people. We are glad to note several improvements in our houses of worship, in our Association. Yet they are not what they could and should be. Most of them are very poorly lighted up, and many of them are disgusting to any person of refinement or good taste, the floors being stained with tobacco juice and covered sometimes with quids of tobacco, until they look more like a hog pen than a church house where intelligent and decent people meet to worship. Our Sabbath school work is not making that progress which it should make. It is shameful to note how few church members are present at Sunday school and prayer meeting. The lamented Dr. Renfroe being asked, after a visit of his over the State of Alabama to the churches, as to how they were getting on, replied: Many of them are doing nothing for Missions, support of pastors, Sabbath School work, or any other progressive Christian work; but they must be doing something, and in order to be doing something they get up a "trial" and try a member for some offense, and then they gather and try the member with about as little of the spirit that should be there as there is in common court. Again, the discipline of our churches has not about it that wise discretion common sense, sound judgment impartiality and spirit of Christ that there should be. Some offenses are much magnified, while others of a more serious nature, are passed by without notice. It sometimes seems that no discipline would be better than such. A poor fellow is arraigned and excluded for drunkenness, while over there was the liar and slanderer, the swearer, the man who signed for and worked in the interest of the saloon, the extortioner and the man who defrauded his neighbor to vote against the poor fellow, and each guilty of crimes of greater magnitude. And so of the young lady who is excluded for dancing. Another wishes us to be on our guard against such strange inconsistencies. Again some of our churches

fail to commemorate the death and suffering of our adorable Redeemer for a period of two years and more. Now this does not speak well for the state of religion in these churches, and is very damaging to the spiritual interest of the church, and is manifest ingratitude to Him who gave himself for us and said: "Do this in remembrance of me, and as oft as ye do this ye do show forth the Lord's death till He come." We are pleased with the revival spirit that has manifested itself in some of our churches, but there seems to be in some too much effort to arouse the emotional feeling, and not enough to awake the judgmental and spiritual to be lasting and make consistent members; for the person who is controlled merely by the emotional never succeeds well, the judgment must be reached and the spiritual man educated. While we rejoice in what has been, and is yet, being accomplished, yet there remains much to be done; higher heights and deeper depths. Having said this much about the state of religion, we will now mention some of the wants or needs. Our church houses should be made comfortable and attractive, either for summer or winter. They should be well lighted up and kept neat and clean; not the floor stained with tobacco juice, and covered with tobacco quids until it looks more like a hog'pen than a house where decent and refined people, men and women, meet for the worship of God. We need in these houses a spiritual church, filled with the spirit of Christ, and therefore, in unity and working together for the glory of Christ in the salvation of lost men. We need, in these churches, a man called of God, filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to preach the gospel to the people; one who understands the word of God, and teaches it to the people. If he has other knowledge and accomplishments, all the better, but he should know the Holy Scriptures, for without this knowledge the preaching will be a failure. He should be an example to the flock in his daily life and work, so that there will be motive power behind what is preached. We need live Sabbath Schools in all our churches, in which all the members are enlisted and working together with the pastor to bring the children to Jesus. This should be the main object of the Sabbath School. The singing should be good, and that which enlists and interests the youthful mind. And all the children should be taught to sing. We do not believe in the old brother or young brother sitting in a corner to himself, so selfish that he cannot get out among the young people and children, and drawing out: "Dark and stormy is the desert," or "I would not live always," or "Amazing Grace." These may be good songs in their place. We have in our Sunday School hymn books, songs well adapted to enlist the feelings, engage the minds and hearts of the young people and children, and lead them to Christ. Our Sunday School literature, as published by our Publication Societies, are a great help, and necessary to successfully carry on the Sabbath School work. Strange to say that some of the brethren object to the new songs and literature. Well, it seems that some brethren were born in the objective case, and it arises from a want of being informed. Our churches should support their ministers better. The spirit of missions should be cultivated and systematic giving carried on in all our churches, and the monies wisely appropriated. One more sad defect is in the little interest that is felt in these dear young people—tender lambs of the flock—who are brought into our churches from time to time, and receive but little more attention than the animal that is marked and turned out into the wilds. Older members, who have heard of their indiscretion and wrong-doings, pass them from time to time without giving a word of advice. But some "conference day" some brother who has never uttered a word of counsel or advice, and may have passed them from time to time, and possessed more of the Pharisaical stamp than the stamp and spirit of Christ, informs against the young brother or sister, and a "trial" ensues, having in it as little of the spirit of Christ or Christian spirit as there is in the court of the country.

P. S. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

H. C. McBrayer made report on Temperance.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

We think intemperance is one of the greatest sins of our day. It is not necessary that we should go out of our own lovely State, or even out of our own county, to see its effects upon fallen humanity. It is intemperance causes the strong man to bow and yield to its destructive power. But from whence does this destructive power arise? From the social and gentleman dram drinker. Oh, that dram drinking would ever cease among church members. O God, help us to have more respect for our high calling as Baptists than to stoop so low as to be found in a whisky shop! O let us rise up and quit ourselves like men.

Does prohibition prohibit? Yes, we think it does; or we might say we know it does prohibit. All we can ask anyone to do would be to go to Ashville now who were there before the whisky saloon was put up there, or any other place where whisky is sold.

But the question is, How shall we manage to get rid of it? The first thing we should do is to cry out for a public sentiment against it. Second, prohibitory laws should be passed and enforced.

Brothers and sisters, let us not get worried in this great work. Let us work and pray and never give up the struggle.

H. C. McBRAYER, Ch'n.

The Prorating Committee made the following report:

Ashville church.....	\$65 00	Newport church.....	\$ 2 50
Broken Arrow.....	10 00	New Prospect	5 00
Bethel.....	5 00	New Prospect (Jefferson).....	5 00
Beulah.....	20 00	New Lebanon.....	8 10
Bethany.....	2 50	Providence.....	10 00
Cook Springs	10 00	Pleasant Grove.....	2 50
Cool Springs	10 00	Pine Forest.....	5 00
Cedar Grove	20 00	Pine Grove (Shelby).....	5 00
Eden (Jefferson)	5 00	Rock Springs.....	20 00
Friendship (St. Clair).....	10 00	Reeves Grove	10 00
Friendship (Shelby).....	5 00	Sulphur Springs	10 00
Gum Springs.....	35 00	Union Springs.....	5 00
Greensport.....	2 50	Shiloh.....	2 50
Hopewell.....	30 00	Cain Creek.....	15 00
Hebron.....	10 00	Mt. Castle.....	2 50
Harmony.....	2 50	Mt. Pisgah.....	30 00
Mt. Pleasant	15 00	New Hope (St. Clair).....	40 00
New Hope (Jefferson).....	2 50		
Total.....			\$438 00

J. A. GLENN, Ch'n.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

That the next meeting of this Association meet with the Cool Springs church, on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in September at 10 a. m., 1892. J. A. Glenn to preach the sermon on missions, with N. A. Hood alternate; R. B. Devine to preach the introductory sermon. J. C. Harris alternate; J. A. Glenn delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, N. A. Hood and S. J. Hare alternates.

GEO. W. DAUGHDRILL, Ch'n.

After some proposed amendments, which were voted down, the report was adopted.

Motion to insert a leaflet advertising the publication of the American Baptist Publication Society, in the minutes of the Association, was lost.

Motion to retain the old Executive Committee, which is as follows: J. W. Inzer, chairman; J. A. Lowrey, J. P. Dill, J. M. Atkins, C. C. Harless. Carried.

Motion to turn over the ministerial educational fund to the Executive Committee. Carried.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the New Hope church and the community in and around Eden, for their generous hospitality in entertaining the messengers of this Association.

The collection on Sunday, amounting to \$25.00, was turned over to the State Mission Board.

Motion to pay the Clerk \$10.00 for his services and have minutes printed with the remainder.

After song and prayer, led by Bro. Purser, the Association adjourned without day.

J. W. INZER, MODERATOR.

N. A. HOOD, Clerk.

PROGRAM OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read letters and enroll messengers.
3. Preach the introductory sermon.
4. Election of officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Receive correspondence.
7. Return correspondence.
8. Appoint committees to report during session.
9. Report of standing committees.
10. Special committees may report at any time.
11. Miscellaneous business.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. Glenn, J. S. E. Robinson, S. J. Hare, R. H. Ramsey, P. S. Montgomery, N. A. Hood, Ashville, Ala.

A. P. Cobb, Hood, Ala.

R. B. Devine, East Lake, Ala.

J. C. Harris, Moody, Ala.

M. F. Stone, J. C. Bice, Beaver Valley, Ala.

R. W. Inzer, Trussville, Ala.

Paul Castleberry, C. J. Pike, R. C. Chaney, Easonville, Ala.

Geo. W. Lovell, Caldwell, Ala.

W. P. Lovell, Springville, Ala.

W. C. McLaughlin, Moody, Ala.

Sol. Acker, Fairview, Ala.

J. O. Laton, J. A. Owen, Ragland, Ala.

Levi Perry, Cook Springs, Ala.

James Bolen, Beaver Valley, Ala.

[The churches should report the names and postoffices of all ministers who are members.

CLERK.]

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known by the name of THE CAHABA VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
2. It shall be composed of delegates from the different churches in connection with this body.
3. Petitionary churches may be admitted into this body at any regular session, if, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, and their reception shall be manifested by the Moderator's giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

4. Any church may withdraw from this body at her own discretion, on application for dismission.

5. This body shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall be considered only an advisory council relative to their internal affairs. It, however, may become necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of proceedings, viz: If one church commits offense against another it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fail of success she shall call in the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in laboring for satisfaction; if satisfaction cannot be thus obtained, it shall be the duty of the aggrieved church to bring the case before the Association, to be decided upon according to its merits. And if a serious difficulty should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, she cannot reconcile, she may call in the aid of two or more churches to assist her in the work; then if the difficulty be not removed it may be the duty of the church to bring the case before the Association; but the Association will take cognizance of no case unless due course of procedure has been previously pursued.

6. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association written communications, specifying the names of their messengers, and state of the church since the last session.

7. Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner, viz: A church containing fifty or less members shall be entitled to three representatives and one additional representative for every twenty-five members over fifty. Any church failing to represent herself as above described shall state her reason for such failure at the next annual session.

8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular Rule of Decorum, which she is authorized to alter or amend at her discretion.

9. At every annual session of the Association a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by ballot by and from among the members present, and shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body, preserve order and see that the Rules of Decorum are strictly observed. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a proper record of all transactions of the body. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys from the hands of the Finance Committee and pay them out according to the order of the Association.

10. The Association shall have power to exclude from her union any church which shall violate the Constitution or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel or knowingly suffer any of her members to do so.

11. The Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of each session according to the funds sent up by each church.

12. Every query sent up by a particular church must be in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile such difficulty, and has failed. In such case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be enrolled upon the minutes.

13. Queries that immediately concern the general union of churches, sent up by a particular church or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided upon as soon as practicable.

14. There shall be an Association book provided, in which the Minutes of every annual session shall be recorded.

15. The Association shall not adjourn any annual session until she shall have finished all regular business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

16. Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, and if necessary, signed by the Moderator and Clerk before final adjournment.

17. In all cases a majority of the members present of the Association shall rule under the Constitution.

18. Giving or withholding charity from any benevolent object shall not be considered a breach of fellowship by this Association.

19. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual session when two-thirds of the members present think it necessary.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time. It shall be his duty also to see that the Rules of Decorum are strictly observed, to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before the body; and any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the day of the decision, but at no other time.
3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a record of the transactions of the Association.
4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all monies belonging to the Association according to its directions.
5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, using the appellation of "brother" in all discussions.
6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave of speech, shall signify the same by naming the brother, or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, except it be to obtain order for a particular purpose.
8. Any motion made and seconded shall come under consideration, except withdrawn by him who made it.
9. The Moderator, after allowing time for debate, shall take the voice of the Association on questions that have been brought before it; and, if need be, by a rising vote.
10. When any question has been brought before the body, it must first be disposed of before any other question can be taken up.
11. No member shall depart during the service of the Association without leave.
12. The roll may be called as often as may be expedient.
13. No person shall be indulged in any practice that may cause interruption, or dishonor the Association.
14. The Moderator shall be allowed the privilege of debate, provided he appoint some other member to fill his seat while speaking; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, and then he shall give the casting vote.
15. No member of this body shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject, unless to explain, without first obtaining leave from the Association.
16. Any member violating these rules shall be called to order by the Moderator, or removed at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day the breach is made.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAHABA VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education, Howard College.	Minutes.	Howard College (building.)	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.
1 Ashville.....		\$ 55 00	\$12 50	\$ 3 00	\$15 00	\$125 00		
2 Bethany.....				1 00				
3 Beniah.....		5 25		2 00				
4 Bethel.....		5 00		1 50				
5 Broken Arrow.....		26 82		1 00			\$231 00	\$ 500 00
6 Cool Springs.....			12 25	1 80			400 00	
7 Cook Springs.....	\$ 1 00	1 25	1 35	1 25				
8 Cedar Grove.....				1 50				
9 Cane Creek.....				1 50				
10 Eden.....				1 50				
11 Friendship (St. C.).....		1 00		1 70				
12 Friendship (Sh.).....								500 00
13 Gum Springs.....				1 50				
14 Greensport.....				1 25				
15 Hopewell.....		1 65		1 00				
16 Hebron.....								
17 Harmony.....								
18 Mt. Pisgah.....	5 25			2 00				
19 Mt. Pleasant.....		1 20		1 50				
20 Mt. Castle.....				60				
21 New Hope (St. C.).....	5 04	10 80		3 00	12 50	147 75	27 00	1,000 00
22 New Hope (Jef.).....		2 55		1 00				
23 New Prospect (Jef.).....								
24 New Prospect (St. C.).....		2 90		1 00				
25 New Lebanon.....								
26 Providence.....								
27 Pleasant Grove (Sh.).....				1 50				
28 Pleasant Grove (St. C.).....				75				
29 Pine Forest.....		2 10		1 05				
30 Rock Springs.....		2 00	3 75	1 50				
31 Reeves' Grove.....		8 00		1 25				350 00
32 Sulphur Springs.....				1 50				
33 Shiloh.....				50				
34 Union Springs.....		2 10		1 00				
Total.....	\$11 29	\$127 32	\$19 85	\$39 65	\$27 50	\$272 00	\$658 00	\$2,350 00

Home Missions—Cook Springs Church, \$1.

Indigent Ministers—Cool Springs Church, \$5.

Associational Purposes and Undesignated—Broken Arrow Church, \$12.50.

Sunday School—Benevolence—Ashville Church, \$25. School Expenses—Ashville Church, \$12; Broken Arrow Church, \$7; New Hope Church (St. C.), \$12 80.

Name of Moderator, J W. Inzer. Post Office of Moderator, Ashville. Name of Clerk, N. A. Hood. Post Office of Clerk, Ashville.

Session of 1892 to be held with Cool Springs Church, St. Clair County, on evening of second Sabbath in September, 1892.

STATISTICS OF CAHABA VALLEY ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE.	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership last reported.	Increase by			Decrease by			Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.						
								Baptism.	Let- ter.	Experi- ence.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.		Erasure.	Death.	Superintendent.	Superintend- ent's P. O.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.
1 Ashville.....	St. Clair.....	J. A. Glenn.....	A. A. Hodges.....	Ashville.....	2.....	139	11	1	2	4	6	1	142	J. W. Inzer.....	Ashville.....	4	51	2	Yes	Yes	
2 Bethany.....	".....	J. E. Stevenson.....	H. W. McBrayer.....	Cottage Hill.....	28	85	10	3	7	1	1	89	W. A. B. Falkner.....	Sterrett.....	4	3	No.	No.			
3 Benlah.....	Shelby.....	R. W. Inzer.....	J. W. Jarrett.....	Sterrett.....	2	62	2	3	3	1	1	62	E. W. Lawley.....	".....	4	3	Yes	Yes			
4 Bethel.....	St. Clair.....	J. C. Harris.....	T. G. Taylor.....	Taylorburg.....	1	17	8	5	3	4	1	30	G. W. Daughdrill.....	Coal City.....	4	40	No.	Yes			
5 Broken Arrow.....	".....	G. D. Staton.....	J. W. Moore.....	Coal City.....	1	169	1	3	1	5	1	100	W. O. Moore.....	Caldwell.....	3	35	1	Yes			
6 Cool Springs.....	".....	G. W. Lovell.....	W. A. Woods.....	Ashville.....	1	38	1	1	1	5	1	43	R. A. Crooker.....	Cook Springs.....	7	47	1	Yes			
7 Cook Springs.....	".....	R. B. Devine.....	J. R. Reeves.....	Cook Springs.....	1	57	2	6	1	1	1	64	A. Waldrop.....	".....	40	3	2	Yes			
8 Cedar Grove.....	".....	W. P. Lovell.....	F. B. Moore.....	Leeds.....	2	39	12	3	2	2	2	75	W. McCombs.....	Trussville.....	55	2	Yes	Yes			
9 Cane Creek.....	".....	Levi Perry.....	J. T. Mize.....	Eden.....	2	98	6	1	1	1	1	105	".....	".....	4	4	No.	Yes			
10 Eden.....	Jefferson.....	M. T. Branham.....	J. M. McCombs.....	Trussville.....	3	42	2	3	3	9	24	150	J. W. Johnson.....	Ashville.....	7	40	4	Yes	Yes		
11 Friendship (St. C.).....	St. Clair.....	J. S. E. Robinson.....	J. T. Glidewell.....	Beaver Valley.....	1	52	2	6	1	1	1	58	".....	".....	1	1	Yes	Yes			
12 Friendship (Sh.).....	*Shelby.....	W. I. Brashin.....	W. W. Howard.....	Waddell.....	2	67	2	4	1	4	4	66	".....	".....	1	No.	Yes	Yes			
13 Gunn Springs.....	St. Clair.....	G. W. Lovell.....	J. W. Johnson.....	Hood.....	1	71	1	1	1	1	1	71	".....	".....	1	1	Yes	Yes			
14 Greensport.....	".....	H. C. McBrayer.....	A. C. O'Donnell.....	Portlow.....	2	115	10	10	1	4	16	116	".....	".....	2	2	Yes	Yes			
15 Hopewell.....	".....	J. S. E. Robinson.....	L. C. Vaughan.....	Ashville.....	2	50	15	33	1	2	1	85	".....	".....	3	3	No.	Yes			
16 Hebron.....	*Jefferson.....	".....	".....	Leeds.....	2	175	3	1	19	5	3	152	W. R. Dunlap.....	Eden.....	6	60	4	Yes	Yes		
17 Harmony.....	St. Clair.....	J. W. Lawley.....	P. M. Abercrombie.....	Brompton.....	2	37	1	1	1	1	1	37	".....	".....	3	3	Yes	Yes			
18 Mt. Pisgah.....	".....	T. K. Trotter.....	T. G. Watson.....	Easonville.....	2	16	8	8	2	2	2	16	".....	".....	3	3	Yes	Yes			
19 Mt. Pleasant.....	".....	R. W. Inzer.....	J. J. Churchwell.....	Wolf Creek.....	2	47	8	8	2	2	2	58	".....	".....	3	3	Yes	Yes			
20 Mt. Castle.....	".....	J. S. Bolen.....	T. J. Anderson.....	Fairview.....	2	64	1	1	1	1	1	64	".....	".....	3	3	Yes	Yes			
21 New Hope (St. C.).....	".....	J. A. Glenn.....	I. R. W. Lewis.....	Eden.....	2	80	1	1	1	1	1	71	".....	".....	3	3	Yes	Yes			
22 New Hope (Jef.).....	Jefferson.....	".....	".....	".....	2	26	5	5	1	3	3	23	".....	".....	4	4	Yes	Yes			
23 New Prospect (Jef.).....	*".....	".....	".....	".....	2	44	2	2	2	2	2	43	".....	".....	3	3	Yes	Yes			
24 New Prospect (St. C.).....	St. Clair.....	M. F. McCain.....	E. M. Chapman.....	Fairview.....	1	86	11	5	1	1	9	69	E. E. Chapin.....	Moody.....	90	3	Yes	Yes			
25 New Lebanon.....	*".....	".....	".....	".....	2	60	11	5	1	1	9	69	".....	".....	3	3	Yes	Yes			
26 Providence.....	*".....	".....	".....	".....	2	54	5	6	2	2	2	63	".....	".....	1	1	Yes	Yes			
27 Pleasant Grove (Sh.).....	Shelby.....	W. Y. Brashin.....	E. F. Lovell.....	Ragland.....	2	17	13	3	4	1	1	17	".....	".....	1	1	Yes	Yes			
28 Pleasant Grove (St. C.).....	St. Clair.....	W. D. Hancock.....	L. Bird.....	Vandiver.....	2	46	13	3	4	1	1	62	".....	".....	1	1	Yes	Yes			
29 Pine Forest.....	".....	George W. Lovell.....	J. J. Teague.....	Coal City.....	2	26	5	5	1	3	3	23	".....	".....	4	4	Yes	Yes			
30 Rock Springs.....	".....	J. S. E. Robinson.....	J. M. Atkins.....	Ashville.....	2	44	2	2	2	2	2	43	".....	".....	3	3	Yes	Yes			
31 Reeves' Grove.....	".....	N. A. Hood.....	J. C. Sheffield.....	Moody.....	2	86	11	5	1	1	9	69	".....	".....	3	3	Yes	Yes			
32 Sulphur Springs.....	Jefferson.....	J. C. Harris.....	J. W. Allen.....	Whitney.....	2	54	5	6	2	2	2	63	".....	".....	1	1	Yes	Yes			
33 Shiloh.....	St. Clair.....	S. Acken.....	J. F. Smith.....	Trussville.....	2	17	13	3	4	1	1	17	".....	".....	1	1	Yes	Yes			
34 Union Springs.....	".....	W. P. Lovell.....	T. D. Courson.....	Ashville.....	2	46	13	3	4	1	1	62	".....	".....	1	1	Yes	Yes			
Total.....					16	42110	134	104	13	9	98	39	65	112190			31	368			

†Has a Sabbath School. *Not represented last year; report given. Names of Churches received from other Associations—Cane Creek Church, Mt. Castle Church.

C. W. HARE.

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